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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF
HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1957

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.	J. Walker, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., L.D.S., D.P.D.
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.	R.H. Grayson, Cert., R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.
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ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.	K.W. McFarlane, Cert., R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B. until October, 1957.

In addition the Department has a full-time junior clerk (female).

A Rodent Operator is also employed.

Outside staff is engaged on Scavenging.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHORLEY.

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Gillibrand Street,
CHORLEY.
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF
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To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mrs. Carrington and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Report for the year 1957.

AREA.

There was no change in the District during the year, the area is 41,114 acres.

The District encircles the Municipal Borough of Chorley, and is bounded on the North by Walton-le-Dale U.D., Leyland U.D., and Preston R.D., on the South by Wigan R.D., Standish U.D., Adlington U.D., and Horwich U.D., on the West by West Lancashire R.D., and on the East by Blackburn R.D., Witnell U.D., and Turton U.D.

The District is varied in character, and whilst there is considerable industry, most parts of the District are rural.

Agriculture predominates in the area which has its share of rich agricultural land. In addition there is of course cotton spinning and weaving, mining, the Royal Ordnance factory in the District is an industry on its own, brickmaking is carried on in several parishes, and the old craft of basket making is still carried on in Mawdesley. There are in addition vast industries in some of the adjoining areas which provide work for residents of the District.

POPULATION.

The estimated population (Registrar General's Figure) for mid 1957 is 27,260.

The following figures give the population since 1917 and show the variation:-

<u>1917</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1919</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
26,150	26,940	27,360	27,510	27,150	27,260	27,090	27,210	27,200	27,210	27,260

The Census figure for 1931 was 23,633

The Census figure for 1951 was 27,198

INHABITED HOUSES.

The Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1957 was 8,854.

RATEABLE VALUE.

The Rateable value of the District is - £271,725.

The sum represented by a penny rate is - £1101.

S T A T I S T I C S.

BIRTH RATE.

Live Births

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Legitimate	380	176	204
Illegitimate	8	5	3
	<u>388</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>207</u>

Birth Rate (crude) per 1,000 estimated civilian population 14.2

Birth Rate (adjusted) per 1,000 estimated civilian population 15.2

Birth Rate per 1,000 population for England and Wales 16.1

Still Births.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Legitimate	7	6	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>

The Rate per 1,000 civilian population is 0.26

The Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales 0.37

DEATH RATE.

<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
335	181	154

The Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population is 12.3

The adjusted rate per 1,000 estimated population is 14.2

The Death Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales is 11.5

Infantile Deaths

The Death Rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births 26.0

The Rate per 1,000 for England and Wales is 23.0

There were actually 11 infantile deaths.

MATERNAL DEATHS.

There were no maternal deaths during the year

The following tables give the figures for the past fifteen years.

YEAR	LIVE BIRTH RATE		STILL BIRTH RATE.	DEATH RATE		INFANTILE DEATH RATE.	MATERNAL DEATHS.
	Chorley R.D.	England and Wales.	Chorley R.D. (per 1,000 live and still Births.)	Chorley R.D.	England and Wales.	Chorley R.D. (per 1,000 live births).	Chorley R.D.
1942	15.8	15.8	50.0	11.0	11.6	43	2
1943	18.3	16.5	38.0	12.0	12.1	52	2
1944	19.3	17.6	33.5	11.6	11.6	33	2
1945	15.2	16.1	42.0	11.9	11.4	50	-
1946	18.2	19.1	27.0	10.5	11.5	36	1
1947	20.	20.5	27.0	12.3	12.0	50	-
1948	18.1	17.9	25.0	10.4	10.8	32	-
1949	15.9	16.7	18.0	12.5	11.7	32	-
1950	15.0	15.8	23.0	13.0	11.6	38	-
1951	14.0	15.5	28.0	14.0	12.5	32	-
1952	14.2	15.3	23.0	12.2	11.3	26	2
1953	14.6	15.5	27.0	11.3	11.4	35	-
1954	13.5	15.2	29.0	12.2	11.3	22	-
1955	13.0	15.0	25.0	11.9	11.7	42	-
1956	13.5	15.7	27.0	12.0	11.7	14	-
1957	14.2	16.1	18.0	12.3	11.5	26	-

DEATHS FROM

YEAR	CANCER (all ages)	MEASLES (all ages)	WHOOPING COUGH (all ages)	DIARRHOEA (under 2 years of age)
1942	43	-	2	3
1943	32	-	-	1
1944	51	-	-	1
1945	42	-	1	-
1946	38	-	-	-
1947	42	-	2	3
1948	45	-	-	2
1949	27	-	1	1
1950	50	-	1	-
1951	45	-	-	4
1952	48	-	-	1
1953	55	-	-	2
1954	39	-	-	-
1955	37	-	-	-
1956	46	-	-	-
1957	56	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

CAUSE.	MALES.	FEMALES	TOTAL.
Tuberculosis (all Forms)	1	-	1
Syphilitic disease.	1	-	1
Meningococcal Infections.	1	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-	1
Cancer (all forms)	33	23	56
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	-	-
Diabetes.	3	-	3
Vascular Lesions of nervous system.	24	30	54
Heart Diseases.	66	58	124
Other Circulatory Diseases.	9	6	15
Influenza.	3	4	7
Pneumonia	4	7	11
Bronchitis.	8	6	14
Other Respiratory Diseases.	1	1	2
Ulcer of Stomach.	2	1	3
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate.	4	-	4
Pregnancy, Childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations.	1	3	4
Other defined and illdefined diseases	6	10	16
Motor Vehicle accidents.	6	1	7
All other accidents.	4	3	7
Suicide.	1	-	1
TOTAL.	181	154	335

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious cases from this area are now sent to Deepdale Isolation Hospital, Preston.

The total number of infectious cases notified during the year was 379.

This figure is actually two less than in the previous year.

Reference to pages 6 and 7 show there were 39 more cases of measles, but both whooping cough and scarlet fever cases were fewer.

There were 11 new cases of tuberculosis, 8 pulmonary and 3 non pulmonary against 9 pulmonary and 2 non pulmonary last year.

There were 9 cases of acute pneumonia, one less than in 1956.

One case of typhoid fever was notified, investigation showed this had been contracted whilst on holiday on the continent.

There were no cases of poliomyelitis notified.

Neither were any cases of food poisoning notified

The "Asian flu" epidemic affected this District during September and October.

Page 8 gives the diseases notified in parish order.

Disinfection of Premises.

Terminal disinfection is still carried out, and during the year 38 premises were disinfected.

LISTS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (after correction)
NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1957.

		TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.									Age un- known
		AGE PERIODS - YEARS.									
	Total cases at all ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 and over	
Scarlet Fever	36	-	-	2	4	2	26	1	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	36	2	3	5	7	4	14	-	1	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Non - paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles (excluding rubella)	281	3	18	38	30	35	119	4	2	2	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and over	Age unknown				
Acute pneumonia (prim. and Infl'zal)	9	-	-	1	3	2	3				
Smallpox.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Acute Haemophilus Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Post - infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Enteric or Typhoid fever	1	-	-	1	-	-	-				
Paratyphoid fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	1	-	-				
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Tuberculosis -											
Respiratory	2	2	-	4	2	-	-				
Meninges and C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Other	3	-	2	1	-	-	-				
Parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Other notifiable diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
TOTAL	379										

TABLE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)
NOTIFIED DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.	YEAR									
	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
Scarlet Fever	36	48	33	31	91	88	71	39	104	172
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria (including membranous croup).	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
Enteric or typhoid fever (excluding paratyphoid)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles (excluding rubella)	281	242	141	223	265	203	285	64	402	178
Whooping Cough	36	64	8	51	80	47	83	96	63	49
Acute pneumonia (primary and influenzal)	9	10	14	17	22	10	35	20	54	13
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	1
Cerebro-spinal fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	-
Acute polio-encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute encephalitis lethargica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	3	2	2	13	6	2	-	-	1	-
Meningococcal infection	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	1	1	-	3	2	3	-	6	4	1
Contracted in England and Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria Abroad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	1	62	25	-	-	1	-	-
Any other diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	368	370	199	401	493	354	475	233	630	417

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED
DURING THE YEAR 1957 FROM THE VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS.

TOWNSHIP	TYPHIC OR TYPHOID FEVER.	MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION	ACUTE PNEUMONIA	DYSENTERY	ERYSIPELAS	MEASLES	SCARLET FEVER	WHOOPING COUGH	TUBERCULOSIS		TOTAL
									PULMONARY	NON-PULMONARY	
Anderton	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	3	-	-	12
Amblemarke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brertherton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Brindle	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	6
Charlock Richard	-	-	1	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	25
Clayton-le-Woods	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	2	1	-	27
Coppull	-	-	3	1	1	51	30	14	-	-	100
Creston	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	16
Guarloe	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	6
Haslington	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	5
Buxton	-	-	3	-	-	31	2	8	6	-	50
Harpy	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Heath Charnock	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	3	-	-	15
Horro	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Horro	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	5
Maddesley	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
Milford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Widdowson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Widdowson	-	-	1	-	-	30	1	-	-	-	32
Widdowson	-	-	1	1	-	66	-	-	-	-	68
TOTAL	1	1	9	3	1	281	36	36	8	3	379

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1957.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14 years	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
15-24 years	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
25-44 years	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-64 years	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	1	1	2	1	-	-	-
	8		3		1		-	

REPORT ON SURVEY BY MASS RADIOGRAPH UNIT.

A survey of the Troston area was carried out in 1956 but the report was not received in time for inclusion in last years annual report. I felt the information should, however, be added to this report.

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL.
Number Examined	109	204	313
Abnormalities discovered			
(a) Mediastinal Teratoma	-	1	1
(b) Bronchiectasis	1	-	1
(c) Tuberculosis requiring occasional supervision.	1	-	1

The following is quoted from the report:-

"The response of 313 X-rayed in 1956 compares favourably with the 1951 survey response of 346, and the discovery of one male with Tuberculosis requiring supervision illustrates the value of the Unit visiting the smaller districts".

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the water supplied by the Rural District Council through its mains is obtained from Manchester Corporation, the aqueduct from Thirlmere to Manchester passes through the District.

This water is supplied to nineteen of the twenty parishes which form the Rural District, Rivington, the other parish, is supplied by Liverpool Corporation which has extensive water works situated in that parish.

Following a special investigation in Coppull in 1956 the Council decided to lay a new water main from a point near the junction of Chapel Lane and Coppull Moor Lane, to the Centre of the built up area of the parish. This work was carried out in 1957, since when the supply has been satisfactory.

The following table shows the number of samples of water submitted for examination during the year, and the results:-

	No.	Bacteriological Examination Results		No.	Chemical Analysis Results.	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
<u>Public Supply</u>						
(a) raw water	20	20	-	20	20	-
(b) treated water	7	7	-	-	-	-
<u>Private Supplies</u>						
(a) raw water	30	16	14	-	-	-
(b) treated water						

The fourteen unsatisfactory samples came from 5 wells supplying 5 premises in Mawdesley and Eccleston.

This information led to consideration by the Council of a scheme for extending mains in order that adequate supplies of wholesome water would be available in these cases.

Chlorination of the whole of the water supplied by the Council continued throughout the year.

SEWERAGE.

Early in 1957 the completion of the sewerage scheme covering the whole of parts of Coppull, Charnock Richard, Heskin, Eccleston and Croston, with the exception of house connections.

By 1957 these house connections were completed and no less than 1000 houses and one school were connected to the sewer.

In addition to these 2000 houses were also connected to the sewer.

The Council has 3 other major schemes since the war, Wuxton; Whittleton; Clapham - Grange; Hasling and Haspy; and the one referred to above, representing and for small schemes for sewers in parts of several other parishes.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

There is still a large number of cottages other than water closets in use, the number of which is to be reduced as the table on page 11 shows.

The number of conversions now carried out in a year was attained in 1957. The number of existing houses connected to the new sewerage.

The first table shows the parishes in which conversions were carried out, and the second table shows the total conversions carried out since 1940.

CONVERSIONS CARRIED OUT IN 1957

Parish	Pails to W.O's	Privies to W.C's	Privies to Pails	Total
Anderton	2	-	-	2
Clayton-le-Woods	2	-	-	2
Coppull	12	7	-	19
Creston	68	33	-	101
Charnock Richard	46	1	-	47
Guarden	1	-	-	1
Eccleston	6	2	-	8
Euxton	4	-	-	4
Heath Charnock	1	-	-	1
Heskin	7	-	-	7
Mawdesley	4	-	-	4
Ulnes Walton	-	3	-	3
Wheelton	23	-	-	23
Whittle-le-Woods	21	-	-	21
Total	197	46	-	243

In addition to the above 3 waste water closets were converted to the fresh water carriage system in the parish of Anderton.

CONVERSIONS CARRIED OUT SINCE 1940.

Year(s)	Pails to W.O's	Privies to W.C's	Privies to Pails	Total.
1940-46	46	65	48	159
1947	12	38	21	71
1948	62	51	23	136
1949	120	51	6	177
1950	101	29	7	137
1951	66	29	-	95
1952	99	20	-	119
1953	103	3	-	106
1954	43	29	-	72
1955	77	40	-	117
1956	110	25	-	135
1957	197	46	-	243
TOTALS	1036	426	105	1,567

SCAVENGING.

Collection.

The District is scavenged by direct labour.

Toilet Closets are collected and emptied by means of a cesspool emptier vehicle adapted for the collection of night-soil, this vehicle is well suited for the work and allows safe transport of collected night-soil. The use of this special vehicle has allowed the collection of night-soil to be separated from the collecting of dry refuse.

There are four Karrier bantams and an S & D fore and aft tipper engaged on this work, a fifth Karrier bantan is used as a spare vehicle.

Disposal.

After collection night-soil is disposed of by lagooning and by tipping into sewers. With the completion of the western sewerage scheme the disposal of night-soil has been eased a little but the disposal of it is still a matter of considerable concern.

Privy Lidder contents are disposed of on land, the quantity is being reduced gradually as closets of this type are converted to the water carriage system.

Dry refuse is disposed of by tipping and the scattered nature of the District makes it necessary to use several tips, the more numerous the tips the greater the difficulty becomes in controlling them. There are 3 main tips in use and in addition to those tipping has taken place on farms which has resulted in useless depressions and several ponds being converted into agricultural land.

The submerged claypit used as a tip was emptied by the owners at the beginning of the year, and gave little trouble until the end of the year by which time the water was again accumulating.

SILVAGE.

A small quantity of waste paper was collected during the year, primarily to keep the power off the refuse tips.

DESBINS.

There is no municipal bin scheme in operation in the District, and whilst owner occupiers provide their own bins, and the majority of tenants follow and provide bins by arrangement, it is still necessary to use Section 75 of the Public Health Act to get bins provided in other cases.

During the year 7 Notices under Section 75 were served.

The Notices were all complied with.

F O O D.

Slaughterhouses.

The bacon factory opened in 1951 operated throughout the year, the output is shown in the table.

The six slaughterhouses which came into use in 1954 were again licensed and continued in use throughout the year, the through-put of these is also shown in the table.

The slaughterhouses are situated in the following parishes:--

Coppull	2
Croston	2
Eccleston	1
Heskin	1
Heath Charnock	1 (Bacon Factory)

The premises are visited frequently and every effort is made to see the carcasses of all animals slaughtered.

The number of visits made to slaughterhouses was 739

The number of visits to the bacon factory was 111

Total 850

Carcases Inspected and condemned.	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	676	273	8	2944	6689	-
Number inspected	676	273	8	2944	6689	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	2	3	-	4	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	109	99	-	-	556	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	16.12	36.99	37.5	-	8.37	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	2	-	-	3	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	65	78	-	-	257	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	9.61	29.3	-	-	3.88	-
<u>Cysticercosis:-</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD Contd.

Numerous other inspections of foods took place, particularly at a wholesale depot, and these resulted in the following being condemned :-

Tinned Ham	295 lbs.
Tinned Tongue	96 "
Tinned Fruit	959 "
Tinned Milk (pints)	557 pints.
Tinned Fish	29 lbs.
Mixed Pickles & Sauce	28 lbs.
Tinned Tomatoes	635 lbs.
Tinned Soups	87 "
Tinned Vegetables (assorted)	633 lbs.
Preserves Assorted	29 lbs.
Tinned Stewed Steak	101 "
Tinned Corned & Pressed Beef	179 "
Tinned Meat Loaf	57 "
Tinned Fruit Juices	65 fluid ounces.
Tinned Luncheon Meat	13 lbs.
Breakfast Cereals	97 packets.
Cheese Spreads	6 lbs.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

Regulation 20.

No action was taken during the year.

MILK. Register of Distributors.

At the end of the year there were 14 Registered Distributors of milk in the District.

Special Designated Milk.

In April 1956, the Milk (Special Designation) (Specified Areas) Order, 1956, came into force, and so far as this District is concerned it became necessary for retailers to sell only designated milk; designated milk comprises:- "Tuberculin Tested", "Pasteurised" and "Sterilised" milk.

The following licences were issued during the year:-

Retailer's licence to use Special Designation Sterilised	25
Retailer's licence to use Special Designation Pasteurised	18
Retailer's licence to use Special Designation Tuberculin Tested	23

ICE CREAM.

There are no new registrations for the manufacture of ice cream during the year. Those existing with one exception are in a small way only making what they can as a sideline. In some cases the business is not continuous even in summer.

As many retailers do not have the plant for manufacture are used for that purpose, some obtain their ice cream purchases from larger manufacturers.

The number of entries on the register at the end of the year was:-

Registered for the manufacture, storage and sale	11
Registered for storage and sale only	64

The following figures show the number registered since 1948:

1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
30	26	27	28	61	63	69	72	75	75

The Number of Food Premises of the Various Types in the District at the end of the year was:-

TYPE OF BUSINESS.	No.
General grocers and provision dealers	108
Greengrocers and fruiterers (incl. those selling wet fish, game etc.)	3
Fishmongers (incl. those selling poultry, game etc.,)	-
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.	13
Bakers and/or confectioners	23
Fried fish shops	10
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream etc.,	25
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments	113
Others	1

The Number of Food Premises Registered Under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and the Lancashire County Council Act, was :-

Type of Business	Legislation under which registration affected	No. registered at 31.12.57	No. of inspections of registered premises during year
Manufacture, Storage and Sale of Ice Cream	County Act and Food & Drugs Act.	75	55
Preserved Fish	Food & Drugs Act.	8	8
Preserved Meat	"	7	7
Hawkers	County Act.	61	17

DISPOSAL OF WASTE FOOD.

Carcase Meat.

Any carcase meat found unfit for food is stained, and in this District it is collected by the trade for processing.

Other food, tinned, etc., is normally disposed of on refuse tips.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955.

It was not possible to devote a lot of time to food hygiene during the year, but a considerable amount of discussion took place with traders, and whilst the results may not be immediate some valuable work was done.

S C H O O L S.

There are 32 schools in the District including the Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School.

The School Medical Services are administered by the County Council and separate reports are issued.

WATER SUPPLY.

All schools with the exception of the Grammar School and the School at Rivington are supplied with water from the Council's Mains.

Rivington Grammar School has a special supply from Liverpool Corporation.

The village school at Rivington has a special supply but the service pipes appear to be the responsibility of the School Authorities.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

25 of the 32 schools have water closets, some are drained to the main sewer and some to private drainage tanks.

For many years at least one school has been converted from pails to water closets until last year, it is pleasing to report that during 1957 no less than five schools had sanitary conveniences converted to water closets, and arrangements have been made for two others to be so dealt with.

The schools not provided with water closets all have pail closets which are emptied weekly.

All the schools have dust-bins.

H O U S I N G.

The table on page 17 summarises the housing work carried out during the year.

It is only a summary however, and by no means a full picture.

1957 saw the commencement of the Council's Slum clearance programme, and for the first time since the war houses were being built specially to rehouse people from properties on the slum clearance list. Up to this time any rehousing from bad houses had been done in houses built for general letting. Even so, however, the properties so dealt with totalled 72 at the end of 1956.

Something else quite new in the District occurred during the year, for the first time groups of houses were dealt with as Clearance Areas, always in the past the houses had been dealt with as individual unfit houses. The new procedure whilst being essential, is in some respects much more complicated, and it involved other departments, particularly the Clerks, in addition to the Housing Section, in a considerable amount of extra work.

The parish of Coppull which had 60 houses on the Slum Clearance list and Heath Charnock which had 12 houses, were the areas dealt with.

At the end of the year with the result that all the work that had been carried out the figures on the summary are as follows.

In Coppull 6 houses were dealt with as individual houses, Heath Charnock 12, Heath Charnock (1), Claydon 1, Heath Charnock (2), Loughton (2).

HOUSING SUMMARY.

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) (a)	Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	259
(b)	No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose.	387
(2)	Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:	
(a)	Number Reported to Ministry in 1955.	420 app.
(b)	Total estimated number existing at the end of 1956	390
(3)	No. of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	167

2. Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)

(1)	No. of dwelling-houses demolished during year;	
(a)	Unfit houses	Nil
(b)	Other houses.	Nil
(2)	No. of persons displaced	Nil

3. Houses not included in Clearance Areas:-

	Houses	Persons Displaced
(1) Houses demolished or closed during year;		
(a) Housing Act, 1936:-		
(i) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 11)	4	4
(ii) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners Under Section 11 and still in force	4	12
(iii) Parts of building closed (Section 12)	-	-
(b) Housing Act, 1949 :-		
(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 3(1) and 3(2)	-	-
(c) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953:-		
(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 10(1) and 11(2)	2	3
(2) Repairs during the year:		No. of Houses.
(a) Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts.		114
(b) Public Health Acts - action after service of formal notices - Houses in which defects were remedied -		
(i) By owners		53
(ii) By local authority in default of owners		-
(c) Housing Act, 1936 - action after service of formal notice (Sections 9,10,11 and 16) Houses made fit -		
(i) By owners		Nil
(ii) By local authority in default of owners		Nil
(d) Housing Repair and Rents Act, 1954;		
Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked (Section 5)		None

4. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)

(1) No. of houses at end of year retained for temporary accommodation and approved for grant under Section 7	None
(2) Number of separate dwellings contained in (1) above	None
(3) Number of houses at end of year licensed for temporary occupation (Section 6)	None

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

A large number of applications for improvement grants were made during the year under review and with the exception of one they were all approved. The following table summarises the position.

	Private bodies or individuals	
	No. of Schemes.	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	85	85
(b) Approved by local authority	63	63
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	1	5
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	1	5
(e) Work completed.	47	47
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (c) above	-	-

During the last four years the applications totalled 194

NEW HOUSES.

During the year 255 new houses were erected in the District. This figure includes 31 houses and 22 flats erected by the Local Authority.

VENT ACT, 1957.

It might be said that this Act is associated with the Housing Act, 1957, but strictly it is a matter of concern for landlords and tenants. The number of inquiries made when the Act came into operation ran into the hundreds, and at the end of the year 61 applications for certificates of compliance had been received, and 32 of those were dealt with.

MOVABLE DWELLINGS.

The District is little used by genuine campers, by far the greater majority of van users in the area are people whose desire it is to use them as permanent homes, and there are a number of such vans in the District.

There are no vans licensed under the Public Health Act but a few temporary licences have been issued for short periods.

Control of vans is also obtained under the powers of the Town Planning Act.

There are a number of vans in the District which are exempt, e.g. vans used by the police, fire, or by members of the family.

S H O P S.

Inspection of shops is carried out on behalf of the Lancashire County Council.

A large proportion of the shops in the District are house-shops, operated by the family.

Many discussions on food hygiene have taken place at the time of shop inspections.

Inspections carried out in 1957 numbered 155.

S M O K E A B A T E M E N T

There are approximately 20 factory chimneys in the area, in addition there are chimneys attached to heating apparatus at numerous market gardens in the area.

Complaints are very rare.

No legal action was taken during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

A lot of work as usual was carried out under the powers of the Public Health Act, and the following figures summarise it:-

Nuisances and defects discovered,	324
Nuisances abated and defects remedied,	281
Number of informal notices served	294
Number of Statutory Notices served	34
Number of visits, inspections and reinspections made during the year was:-	6,129

RODENT CONTROL.

A summary of the work carried out in 1957 is given in the table on page 20.

A Rodent Operator is employed by the Council but his work is not confined entirely to rodent control.

Complaints are not numerous.

Co-operation was maintained with the staff of the Agricultural Executive Committee.

All Council owned properties, sewers, sewage disposal works, refuse tips are inspected regularly and treated when necessary.

RODENT CONTROL Contd.

The following table summarises the work done during the year:-

TYPE OF PROPERTY.					
Non-Agricultural					
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	All other (including Business Premises)	Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	Agricultural
I. Number of properties in Local Authority's District.	18	7739	440	8,197	675
II. Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	-	35	8	43	-
(b) Survey under the Act	18	1743	161	1922	167
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	583	162	745	-
(III) Number of properties inspected (in Sect. 11) which were found to be infested by:-					
(a) Rats Major	8	-	1	9	2
Minor	-	26	5	31	-
(b) Mice Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	10	1	11	-
(IV) Number of infested properties treated by the Local Authority.	8	36	7	51	-
(V) Number of notices served under Section 11 of the Act.					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work i.e. Proofing	-	-	-	-	-
(VI) Number of cases in which default action had been taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 11 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
(VII) Cases Recommended.	-	-	-	-	-
(VIII) "Cases" entered following Section 11.	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

The following tables summarises the work done in connection with factories during the year.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	14	21	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	77	48	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outwork premises)	12	7	-	-
TOTAL	103	76	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	-	1	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	1	1	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	2	-

Number of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)

Wearing apparel - Making etc., 3.

PETROLEUM REGULATIONS.

97 licences to store petroleum spirit were issued during the year.

National Assistance Act, 1948, and 1951

Section 17.

One application for removal to hospital of a person suffering from grave chronic disease and not in receipt of the care she needed, was made during the year.

The order was granted and the person removed within a few hours, unfortunately she died very soon afterwards.

Section 50 - Burial of Persons by Local Authority

There were no cases in the District during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Walker,

Medical Officer of Health.

